traditional water resources on the line of the Prime Minister Rural Employment Scheme and the Prime Minister Road Scheme;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the master plan of district-wise water harvesting structure has been prepared on the basis of distant sensing technique to implement this scheme; and

(c) if so, the complete details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Ministry of Water Resources has no such proposal, under consideration.

(b) and (c) In view of above, questions do not arise.

Construction of medium size irrigation projects

2156. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for the construction of major and medium size irrigation projects in the Jaipur region of Rajasthan during the Tenth Five Year Plan period; and

(b) the details of funds earmarked for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) As reported by the State Government of Rajasthan one major project namely Bisalpur Irrigation-cum-Drinking Water Project (district Tonk) and one medium project namely Panchana Irrigation project (district Karauli) are targeted to be completed during Tenth Five Year Plan Period. Two new major Irrigation projects namely utilisation of Yamuna Water in Bharatpur district and utilisation of Yamuna water in Jhujhunu and Churu districts are to be started in the Tenth Five Year Plan. The State Government has made a provision of Rs. 114.95 crore for Bisalpur Irrigation-cum-Drinking Water Project and Rs. 22.50 crore for Panchana Medium Irrigation Project in the Tenth Five Year Plan. Further, provision of Rs. 0.06 crore has been kept in the Tenth Five Year Plan for the two new projects namely utilisation

of Yamuna Water in Bharatpur district and utilisation of Yamuna water in Jhunjunu & Churu districts.

Indo-Nepal joint survey of Pancheshwar Project

†2157. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any time-limit has been fixed to complete the work of Indo-Nepal joint survey/investigation of Pancheshwar Project; and

(b) if so, by when the work of joint survey/investigation is likely to be completed and percentage of work completed so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) The survey and field investigations for the Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project have since been completed jointly by India and Nepal.

Special status to Rajasthan

†2158. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to accord special status to the State of Rajasthan on the lines of the States of North-East, Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh under Accelerated Irrigation Programme in view of the circumstances such as two-third area of desert of Thar, drought-prone area, long international border adjoining Pakistan and natural calamities affecting that State; and

(b) if so, details of steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

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